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Our Focus for 2018 by the President

The Path towards Freedom from the EU

On entering 2018, we need to hold fast to *the* faith and remind ourselves of the prophetic Scripture recorded in *Numbers* 23:19-24 which informs us that “God is not a man, that he should lie.” The key prophetic words being “Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion.”

The main headline of the *Daily Telegraph* on 4 October, 2017, was dramatic to say the least – ‘**The roaring lion**’ – this was reporting Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson’s speech to the Conservative Party Conference the previous day entitled; ‘Let the Lion roar.’ The phrase came from the title of the most famous photograph of Britain’s wartime leader, Sir Winston Churchill, taken in Canada in December 1941 by Yusif Karsh. After he plucked Churchill’s cigar from his mouth – the prime minister declared, “You can even make a roaring lion stand still to be photographed.” In his uplifting speech, Boris Johnson changed the whole dynamic of the depressed Conference, but he has become a major target of the Remainer MPs in the Conservative Party.

The year 2017 was one of developing consolidation, but also expected opposition coming from the camp of those at Westminster who would like to see Brexit cancelled, or even reversed. Without doubt, the United Kingdom is going through a very intense period of redefining its destiny on leaving the European Union by the end of March 2019. From the vantage point of the Kingdom teaching, Brexit, or *Brexodus*, is deliverance from a 44-year bondage, truly a time of double Jacob’s trouble (2 x 22 years).

In terms of the ‘Remoaning’ that is going on as we leave this spiritual Egypt it reminds us forcibly of the Israelites who, after leaving Egypt for the Wilderness, wished that they were back in Egypt (*Exodus* 16:3), but they had been in Egypt 10 times as long (430 years) as we in the UK have been in the EU. Their sentiment burst forth in anger as they said: “*Would to God we had died in Egypt... than the whole assembly be brought forth to be killed in this wilderness with hunger.*”

Deliverance brings its own challenges. It is not always met

with rejoicing by those delivered and those who lead the deliverance can be the focus of much resentment as disruption to daily life becomes reality.

On 26 September, 2017, at the London School of Economics (LSE), Guy Verhofstadt, the lead European Parliament’s Brexit negotiator, poked fun at the British Prime Minister by saying that she gave her Brexit speech in Florence because she was familiar with the city’s fifteenth century politics of betrayal. In a speech to students at the LSE, Verhofstadt said Brexit was a waste of time and energy.

He also unwittingly reminded us of why Britain had voted to leave the EU. He said: “*The world of tomorrow is a world of empires, and only a United Europe will play a role of significance.*” He might well think that as seen from the perspective of the monstrous pagan edifice in Strasbourg, a building designed to resemble the unfinished Tower of Babel.

The concept that the world is coalescing, or coming together to

form one mass or whole, sits very oddly with recent history. As Daniel Hannan MEP wrote in *The Sunday Telegraph* for 29 October, 2017:

“Since the Second World War, countries have tended to become more numerous, smaller and more democratic. When the EEC was formed in the 1950s, there were 80 states in the world. Today there are 200, the last 30 having come into existence since 1990, like Montenegro and South Sudan. There is no sign that the trend is slowing. Kurds have just voted for independence and Catalans seem set to follow.

The EU, alas, is a child of its time. The top-down, corporatist and grandiose assumptions of the 1950s were shoved into its foundations. Back then, clever men generally agreed that the future belonged to conglomerates. Whether in business or in geopolitics, the giants would trample the midgets.

That, though, is not how things worked out. To general astonishment, Hong Kong went on to outperform China, Singapore to outperform Malaysia – and Switzerland, come to that, to outperform the EU. The states with the highest GDP per head today. Yet palaeo [older]-federalists in Brussels continue to trot out hackneyed phrases about being too small to count in the world.”

A very significant suggestion by Hannan is that it is Britain’s size that bothers Eurocrats. It is because we developed a capitalist economy before anyone else, and became commensurately wealthy, that we tended to have the upper hand in our dealings with foreign countries. *We don’t fit the role of underdogs.*

What Guy Verhofstadt and his fellow Eurocrats do not take into account is the sure foundation of the *continuing* Kingdom of God which sprang forth from the British Isles into a global reach in the nineteenth century, fully envisioned in the Apocalypse, *Revelation* 21 in particular, and the resurrection as from a death state to the great fear of all those who will behold it (*Revelation* 11:11).

The Deliverance of Jerusalem 100 years ago in December 1917 was a *miracle* in that it was non violent – “As birds flying” (*Isaiah* 31:5) The LORD overruled in a most unexpected way and preserved the city in the process. Jean-Claude Junker says it will take a *miracle* to get agreement.

In my evaluation we are going to witness the completion of the miracle that occurred on 23 June, 2016, when 17.4 million people voted to correct the great mistake of our entering the *then* EEC in 1973. It is fascinating to see this realization dawning on our leadership that we were not at all happy caught up and embroiled in the great European Project.

Prime Minister Theresa May’s speech at Florence of 22 September, 2017, was entirely revealing of the realization and the awakening. In Kingdom truth terms, it is worth quoting at some length (with my emphasis):

“It’s good to be here in this great city of Florence today at a critical time in the evolution of the relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union.

It was here, more than anywhere else, that the Renaissance began – a period of history that inspired centuries of creativity and critical thought across our continent and which in many ways defined what it meant to be European.

A period of history whose example shaped the modern world. A period of history that teaches us that when we come together in a spirit of ambition and innovation, we have it within ourselves to do great things.

That shows us that if we open our minds to new thinking and new possibilities, we can forge a better, brighter future for all our peoples.

And that is what I want to focus on today. For we are moving through a new and critical period in the history of the United Kingdom’s relationship with the European Union . . .

And perhaps because of our history and geography, the European Union never felt to us like an integral part of our national story in the way it does to so many elsewhere in Europe . . .

So the British electorate made a choice. They chose the power of domestic democratic control over pooling that control, strengthening the role of the UK Parliament and the devolved Scottish Parliament, Welsh and Northern Ireland Assemblies in deciding our laws . . .

The eyes of the world are on us, but if we can be imaginative and creative about the way we establish this new relationship, if we can proceed on the basis of trust in each other, I believe we can be optimistic about the future we can build for the United Kingdom and for the European Union . . .

We are also proposing a far reaching partnership on how we protect Europe together from the threats we face in the world today; how we work together to promote our shared values and interests abroad; whether security, spreading the rule of law, dealing with emerging threats, handling the migration crisis or helping countries out of poverty.

The United Kingdom has outstanding capabilities. We have the biggest defence budget in Europe, and one of the largest development budgets in the world. We have a far-reaching diplomatic network, and world class security, intelligence and law enforcement services.

So what we are offering will be unprecedented in its breadth, taking in cooperation on diplomacy, defence and security, and development.

And it will be unprecedented in its depth, in terms of the degree of engagement that we would aim to deliver . . .”

So the prophetic vision outlined by Hosea is shown to be finally being fulfilled in all its trauma of Ephraim-Britain wrestling with our destiny. As the Prime Minister said: “And perhaps because of our history and geography, the European Union never felt to us like an integral part of our national story in the way it does to so many elsewhere in Europe . . .”

We followed after our lovers in 1972-73, but we have not overtaken them, because the LORD hedged up the way with thorns and made a wall that we have not found our paths (*Hosea* 2:6-7). Also as Isaiah stated (28:20) the bed has been shorter than we have been able to stretch ourselves on and the covering too narrow to wrap ourselves in. In a word – this nightmare is coming to an end and we are awakening to reality.

As far as dates of destiny are concerned, 31 October, 2017, marked 500 years, or 10 x 50 jubilee release periods, from Martin Luther's 95 *Theses*, significant of Divine Order for release and renewal.

Furthermore – and even more significantly for England and the UK – 17 November, 2017, marked 3 x 153 years (Divine perfection for The Elect) from the accession of Elizabeth I. What could be a more significant signal that the whole course of the nation is about to receive a spiritually energized boost to remove us from the bondage and persecutions of the past four decades and more. Our new publicity sheet (enclosed) on **The Anointed Stone of Destiny** brings out the truth that the Brexit process is **not** 'a divorce' process with the EU, as for a divorce to take place there has of necessity to have been a lawful marriage in the first instance – *which there was not*.

Following the death of Queen Mary I early on the morning of 17 November, 1558 her 25 year-old half sister Elizabeth was proclaimed queen at around noon at Whitehall by the Houses of Lords and Commons who had been in session that morning. Sir Nicholas Throckmorton was dispatched to Hatfield to give Elizabeth the news and to give her Mary's ring as proof of her death. According to tradition,

Elizabeth was sitting reading under an old oak tree in the parkland around Hatfield Place when she received the news. On hearing of her accession, the daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn is said to have sunk to her knees and uttered in Latin what translates to "**This is the Lord's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes,**" from *Psalms* 118:23. The previous verse (22) records that the stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner – speaking of the pyramid symbolism of the King of kings taking up the Throne of David.

Beyond any doubt we are on the verge of such a tremendous change of times such as has not been in evidence since the accession of Elizabeth I. The Lord has not left His People without hope but He brings all things to fruition according to His unconditional covenant oath and promise.

The year 2018 will be 1260 *solar* years, or 42 prophetic months (*Revelation* 11:2 & 13:5) from AD 758 when the papacy became a temporal authority in Rome and Europe under Pope Paul I. This is the defined duration of its power in the Roman 'earth' which coincides with Britain coming out from under the domination of EU edicts and laws. The call must *and will* come for the Bible to be expounded and restored in its full national context as the living and inspired oracle for all our futures.

The preaching of the Gospel, or good news, is that of the *continuing* Kingdom of God upon earth. Tragically, we are now informed that a majority of Christians confess that they do not read the Bible, according to the Church of England's own polling published on 12 September, 2017. According to a YouGov poll most Brits think only six of the Ten Commandments

are still important.

The national prophetic record of the nation is a closed book and the prelates of the Established Church are responsible for this neglect. It is now increasingly obvious that the growing siege of civilization and the destabilization of society require that we address this situation in terms of building the faith of those with whom we come into contact, as to the basic facts of our teaching.

We stand at the fullness of the set time for the Bible to be opened up from its present closed state for the people's understanding and to be studied in the full context of the *continuing* Kingdom of God upon earth. The Old Testament Covenant contains the prophetic vision for the People of God and their destiny in the future 'Brexit' world of the restored family of covenant nations, preparing indeed for the Coming King of kings.

This is where our publications and their teaching are becoming uniquely relevant for those searching for answers amid the escalating crisis. The oil of understanding and knowledge will be pleaded for from the virgins, all of whom progressively fell asleep over the course of the past century. The cry at midnight brings all to a state of alert, but only those who are ready are able to act and provide the guidance that is required. Let us pray that we all might endure to the end of these things that are come upon us and the nation under God.

STOP PRESS:

When PM Theresa May flew to Brussels at 4.30am on 8 December to secure the first stage of the Brexit negotiations it was exactly 100 years from 8 December, 1917, when the Royal Flying Corps passed over Jerusalem to fulfill *Isaiah* 31:5 "As birds flying" (see page 4).

NATIONAL DELIVERANCES

The annual Headquarters' Rally was held on Saturday 3 June 2017 with the theme of 'National Deliverances' as the Federation began to look forward to the centenary of the Deliverance of Jerusalem by British and Commonwealth Forces under the command of General Allenby. There are many other events of great deliverance in our history and these were referred to by the speakers during the day.

Michael Clark, President, opened the day with a welcome to all who were able to come and greetings from absent friends, in particular our Patron, Lady Sara Allenby. In his lecture he emphasised that the Scriptures are 'our national prophetic record' and we should teach this to friends as often as we have the opportunity. He began with the defeat of the French Armada by plague which occurred in 1545 while Henry VIII was king. Many more times the weather has been used by God to bring about

the destruction of the nation's enemies. With his opening reading he reminded everyone that *Psalms* 91 is a great support and comfort in times of trouble.

After the buffet lunch prepared by Nicola Gallone there was a presentation of the Deliverance of Jerusalem by Martin Lightfoot. He brought in the wonderful fulfilment of the prophecy in *Isaiah* 31:5 which was the *Book of Common Prayer* reading for 8 December 1917. This had been pointed to as a date to watch for by Grattan Guinness over 30 years before when no-one could have foreseen the development of the Royal Flying Corps who played such a vital role in the action.

David Aimer led a time of Thanksgiving and Prayer during which everyone was encouraged to participate in open prayer.

Following a break for refreshments Kathleen Gage conducted a quiz on 'Great Escapes' which was won by Philippa Clark. The prize was *The Restoration of Israel* and *We have a Guardian* with the proviso that it must be given away – this was indeed done!



BIWF SUMMER CONVENTION - 23 to 28 July 2018

BIWF 99th ANNUAL CONGRESS - 12 to 15 October 2018

MORECAMBE RALLY

The first Morecambe Rally was held 16 years ago in the Emmanuel Church, being as near as possible to St George's Day, and the Rally has continued ever since near to that date. Guests stayed in the Strathmore Hotel at first, and then moved to The Auckland Hotel, which served our needs in a more suitable way.

Bishop John McLean and his wife Betty always welcomed everyone to Emmanuel Church where the Rally was held and we are very grateful to them for their hospitality over those 16 years. We have all enjoyed the fellowship and of course the Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Evensong on Sunday.

Bishop John and Betty retired in April of this year, after serving for 40 years at Emmanuel Church. After the Rally, we were informed by the new Bishop that we are no longer welcome there, but God moves in a mysterious way, as enquiries had previously been made at The Auckland Hotel, which hosted guests attending the Rally on a Dinner/Bed & Breakfast basis, to see if at any time we could use the hotel for the full Rally and Branch meetings. The hotel has recently made a room into a conference room which overlooks Morecambe Bay, it is very comfortable and it suits our needs.

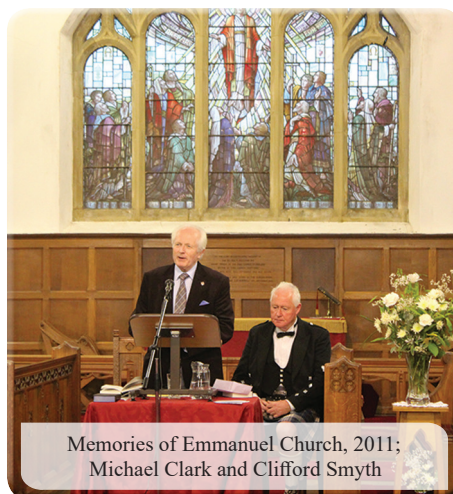
The Auckland Hotel have agreed that we can have the Rally next year, 2018, and of course in subsequent years. It has been booked and

staying guests will be booked for full board. People attending part-time will be charged a daily rate for lunch and/or evening meal if required.

Our Branch meetings are now being held also at The Auckland Hotel. At the first meeting there we had 11 members; one lady was ill so we would have had 12. In total on that day with the speaker Martin Lightfoot and his wife Sue we had 13 people at the meeting. Below is a report by Mrs McLean.

We also thank both Betty and Bishop John for allowing us to use the Church for Branch meetings for so many years in the past. Morecambe had two meetings on a Tuesday – afternoon and evening. We thank God that these meetings can still take place, albeit in a different venue, so that the BI. Message can still be spread in the Morecambe and surrounding areas.

**Margery Dowling, Chairman,
North-West Area.**



At the beginning of the month of May, it was realised that our original meeting place at Emmanuel Church would not be available for our use in the future. Consequently our Chairman Miss M. Dowling made enquiries as to the possibility of hiring a room at The Auckland Hotel which is situated further along the Promenade. This proved to be a suitable option and our first meeting took place on 9 May at 1.30pm

We were allotted a spacious room overlooking Morecambe Bay, with a goodly supply of sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee to sustain us. Later we were privileged to hear an inspiring lecture by Mr Martin Lightfoot entitled 'Jerusalem 1917 to 2017.'

The comfortable situation for the lecture meant that members were able to chat with each other and many references were made to the Lord's provision for his people.

Closing prayers were offered by Bishop John and the amicable meeting drew to a close with a feeling of anticipation towards the next lecture at The Auckland Hotel to be given by Mr Adams of New Zealand on Tuesday, 30 May at 1.20pm.

We welcome any newcomer who would wish to join us.

"Behold I come quickly: hold fast which thou has, that no man take thy crown" (*Revelation 3.11*).

Betty McLean

SUMMER CONVENTION

The theme of this year's Summer Convention 'A Nation and a Company of Nations' reflected the prospect of returning to close links with our brothers and sisters in the other Israel nations around the world. The political process has taken longer than people hoped but it has been going steadily forwards. At the Welcome Meeting the hymn 'Praise, my soul, the King of heaven' was sung with great enthusiasm. Michael Clark, President, introduced the visiting speakers – the author Adrian Gilbert, Brenton Boshoff from South Africa and Kent Purvis, President of BIWF Canada. He brought greetings from absent friends and spoke of Isabel Cox who had passed away recently (see Obituary).

David Aimer, General Secretary, drew attention to the new titles on the bookstall and the special promotion of *Secrets of the Stone of Destiny* for orders during the week. He invited David Keep to give his testimony of coming to the Israel message. Mr Keep said that in the three years

since he had begun to understand it he had a new dimension to his Christian faith and had found that it sheds light on difficult passages of scripture. The evening concluded with the Epilogue by Ernest Gage, former Chairman of the Board of Management (see page 11) on the future of the kingdom after Brexit.

There was a prayer meeting every morning at 7.30 am in the side room used for refreshments and Morning Devotions in the main hall at 8.00 am. These were given by Kathleen Gage, Norman Pearson, Frank Tebbutt and Philippa Clark. The first lecture on Tuesday morning was given by Alfred Brown on 'The Blessing of Hindsight' in which he looked at prophecy and its interpretation and understanding.

The Annual Meeting was opened by Michael Clark with prayer and then he read out the Statement of Belief. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 2016 were adopted unanimously and the Annual Report 2016/17 accepted with no discussion. David Aimer presented the Accounts

of BIWF, CPC and Eli Press for 2016/17.

Michael Clark announced that John Hardwick and Robert Graham had been re-elected to the Board of Management and Heather Graham and Nelson McCausland had been elected. Ernest Gage and Kathleen Gage had retired from the Board and Michael Clark had been re-elected as President. He read out the Loyal Greetings sent to Her Majesty The Queen on 3 July 2017, the anniversary of the founding of BIWF in 1919. No reply had been received as yet. The National Anthem was sung and he closed the Meeting.

After lunch Brenton Boshoff spoke on 'The Messenger of God' about a famous person in South Africa given visions by God about both Europe and the rest of the world, especially Russia. David McLure gave the next lecture on 'A Company of Nations' drawing a parallel between Solomon's kingdom and the growth of the British Empire in the nineteenth



Adrian Gilbert



Brenton Boshoff and Michael Clark

century. There is also a parallel between Solomon's fall away from God and the falling away of Great Britain that is experienced today.

The evening lecture from Kent Purvis was on the theme of the Convention. His closing phrase 'God does not choose the prepared but prepares the chosen' provided much food for thought.

On Wednesday Martin Lightfoot gave a presentation on 'Israel's Grave: The Celt and Saxons Birthplace' which replaced the scheduled lecture by Margery Dowling who had been taken ill on arrival (it can be reported that she later recovered fully at home). The second morning lecture was by Robert Phillips who gave a rousing talk on 'God's Master Plan for Planet Earth: Israel.' He emphasised that God is honouring His Word and it is important to remember that 'I' is a majority with Him.

Nelson McCausland's first lecture in the afternoon was called 'Like a Flood.' The evening presentation "As Birds Flying' over Jerusalem" was by David Aimer who showed the photographs held at Headquarters which accompany the account of the deliverance of Jerusalem. It is the centenary of that significant event in December 2017 and there was a very interesting discussion after he had spoken.

On Thursday Kent Purvis

took 'We are Chosen' as his title and spoke on the confirmation of the Abrahamic Covenant and the implication of that great promise of Almighty God. Adrian Gilbert was the second speaker in the morning. He introduced his book *Secrets of the Stone of Destiny* which is being published in the United Kingdom by Covenant Publishing after being available only in the USA. It was a very interesting presentation with photographs and maps of his research which fully supports the work of BI writers on the history and archaeology of the Stone and of the migrations.

Brenton Boshoff's second lecture was on 'The Tower of Babel' and linked current events in Europe to the biblical events of the original Tower. The Lord intervened at

that time and we can hope for His intervention again in our day. The evening lecture was the presidential address by Michael Clark on 'The Restoration of the Anglosphere' in which he demonstrated how the covenant nations are being drawn together again helped by their common language. The Singers provided a very enjoyable end to the evening with audience participation and flags.

On Friday the second lecture given by Nelson McCausland was on 'The Reformation' and it was a very wide ranging lecture beginning with John Wycliffe who inspired Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address to the Great Awakening in America in the eighteenth century. He suggested that this year's Reformation anniversary should

be used to remind people how this nation has been used by God in spreading the Gospel throughout the world. After coffee Martin Lightfoot gave his presentation on 'More Biblical Perspectives on Deep Ancestry Genetics' which followed on from the one he gave the previous year. It is a very interesting subject and there is clearly much work to be done on it.

The Covenant Service in the evening was taken by David Aimer and was a very inspiring end to the week of fellowship and study. Michael Clark closed the Convention with thanks to all who came and read out the Israel Blessing from *Numbers 6*.



NEWS FROM VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

The following report was published in *The Covenant Nations* Volume 4 Number 4. It is very encouraging to see the growth of the teaching in 'the great southland' and we ask for your prayer support of this work.

In Australia, from 19-21 September, 2017, the BIWF Victorian Branch held their Conference. Situated in the rural holiday city of Mildura, the event saw a great gathering of people up by 50 percent on last year and from all the Eastern states including South Australia. Surrounded by picturesque farmlands and sun-burnt plains, it really was a marvellous display of God's creation. The theme was '**Biblical Truth vs. Religious Dogma**,' a very fitting theme addressing the false teaching introduced into Protestant churches worldwide.

The guest speaker, Dr Clifford Smyth and his wife Anne, from Northern Ireland, were thoroughly welcomed. The conference started with a short 'meet and greet' with tea and coffee. Pastor Chris Chetland opened the meeting with prayer and some songs. A letter was read from Brenton Boshoff from the BIWF South African office with greetings and blessings for a successful conference.

Anne sang her lovely songs that they sing at their Northern Ireland BI gatherings; one song she sang was on how we all need a revival. Clifford then spoke about 'Australia the Promised Land,' his background living in Australia meant he knew his subject. Next Clifford presented his talk on 'Australia versus The Tower of Babel.' Here he talked about the numerous connections to many cultures with the Australian Aborigines. Perry Thorp then presented the new project, *The National Covenant Message*, a Facebook Page devoted to carrying the views of the British-Israel teaching. He spoke about ways people can present our teaching and noted the partnership with Brenton Boshoff from South Africa in the running of this project. Perry also distributed information on the Christian Prophetic Essay Competition 2018.

A prayer session led by Pastors Chris Chetland, Vince Hartwig and Rob Bailey was taken up to pray for the guidance of the Australian Government to move close to the teachings of the Bible and also for the continuing guidance of Her Majesty the Queen. This session concluded with prayers of healing for the country and those in attendance. Clifford resumed his presentations with his famous lecture titled

'The Hand of God on Queen Elizabeth II' which includes the example she presents in her daily service to the company of nations over which she reigns. Australia's real national anthem was then sung, 'God Save the Queen.'

On another day Clifford Smyth continued the theme of the conference talking on the different prophetic views on who true Israel are today. After a Q & A session he touched on the many different routes of Israel, furthermore showing the true and sound view of the Israel teaching.

As a new Victorian Branch, the 30 people in attendance were very encouraging. Most of the books were taken up, even after being replenished. Concluding the conference, Vince Hartwig led a discussion to create a vision for the Victorian Branch and activities for next year. Following the success of this conference, more people have shown interest in attending future events.

The leadership of the Victorian Branch would like to thank the Board of Management of BIWF in the UK for sending Clifford and his lovely wife Anne to speak at the conference.

PERRY THORP



THE NEW VENTURE OF BIWF SOUTH AFRICA

Brenton Boshoff was one of the speakers at the Summer Convention this year and he reports here on what was decided at that time as a result of his initiative and the decision of the Board of Management. This report appeared in *The Covenant Nations* Volume 4 Number 4.

At the BIWF Summer Conference in July at Buxton it was announced that the Board of Management had agreed to support the new venture to re-establish a dedicated and vibrant BIWF movement in South Africa. With this announcement, the stage was finally set for a dedicated and focused work in South Africa. Within just a few weeks, new members were already joining the BIWF.

The BIWF had a strong witness in South Africa from the 1930s up to the early 1960s, with many members, branches and activities. A significant change occurred in the early 1960s when the BIWF in South Africa decided to change its name to the “Federation of the Covenant People” (FOCP) in order to become autonomous from the BIWF UK in order to overcome some of the prejudice towards anything “British” from the side of the Afrikaner. This was mainly due to the distrust between the Afrikaans- and English-speaking communities, dating back to the dark days of the Anglo-Boer War. Thankfully, now many decades later, these attitudes have changed.

The FOCP eventually closed down, but a few committed individuals kept their links with the BIWF UK and worked hard to maintain a network of like-minded people throughout South Africa. Sadly, despite all their

efforts, the number of members dwindled to only a handful with no activity or initiatives to keep the members connected with each other.

The BIWF in South Africa was in a sense re-launched during a Christian Expo in Sandton, South Africa during 2011. From the enthusiastic support from visitors attending the Expo and visiting the BIWF stand, it was clear that given the right focus and support, the BIWF in South Africa could grow into a mighty work. However, the means to take this forward were not available at that time.

In recent years the very unstable political situation in South Africa has prompted many people to seek answers in the Word of God. The “Grace only” doctrine and other liberal teachings that are feverishly been preached in churches the world over are causing much confusion amongst Christians and are deliberately intended to

steer people away from the deeper truths of God’s Will and Plan for His covenant people. This unscriptural dogma that has been promoted from pulpits across the country, and indeed the world, is doing very little to reassure people of God’s Great Plan and Purpose for the small minority of Europeans living in an ever decaying South Africa.

It is in this uncertain climate that people are far more open to the Israel Truth and eager to have a deeper understanding of God’s Holy Word. The time has never been so ripe to get the Israel Message to the people, so they can be set free from the bondage of false doctrine and false teaching.

With the newly established BIWF office in South Africa, the necessary focus will be given to the spreading of the Israel Truth among our people and to equip BI believers to be able to minister to those that have not yet come to this glorious Truth. During the first two months of activity, we have seen a remarkable growth of 150% in the South African associate membership of the BIWF. All the indications are there that even bigger growth can be expected before the end of 2017. We give all the praise and glory to our Lord and Redeemer for the great blessing and favour He has bestowed already on the work in South Africa.

In October 2017 the first official BIWF meeting to be held in South Africa, for over 50 years, will take place in the suburb of Amanzimtoti, south of Durban. This newly established BIWF branch is aptly called the “Durban-South Branch” and we expect that this will be the first of many BIWF branches and meetings in South Africa.



Brenton Boshoff

BRENTON BOSHOFF

98th ANNUAL CONGRESS

The theme of the Annual Congress at the Park Inn in York was 'The Faith and Deliverance.' Michael Clark and David Aimer opened the weekend with a Welcome Meeting at which new literature was promoted and the second Christian Prophetic Witness Essay Competition was launched (see page 13). The first lecture by Michael Clark followed on 'When we need to hold fast to **the** Faith' and he read from *Numbers* 23:19-24 drawing attention to the key words "Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion."

The hotel, situated riverside on the Ouse, was an excellent venue for walking to the centre of the city for the two visits and for private excursions. It provided a private room for each evening's dinner and a reserved area in the restaurant

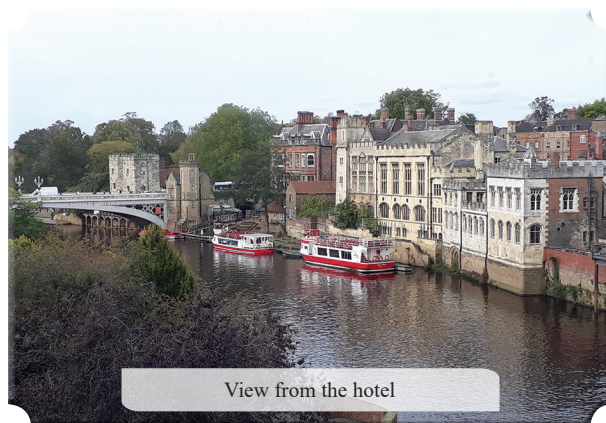
for the other meals. The helpful staff added to a very pleasant stay.

On Saturday morning David McLure spoke on 'Faith and Deliverance,' deliberately dropping 'The' as in the theme. He emphasised that the blueprint of our deliverance is in the Bible and was written by God Himself. There should be the certainty of God's promises in our hearts despite the contrary appearances of life around us. Following a short coffee break Norman Pearson gave his address on 'Deliverance from Judah' which is the salutary account of how total obedience to God's instructions is essential.

The visit to the Minster in the afternoon was interesting and enjoyable. The display of the archaeology and history in the Undercroft was very informative. The connection with Constantine was very well demonstrated. On the official Minster website it says "The Roman Emperor Constantine, credited with converting the Empire to Christianity, visited the city and ruled the mighty Empire from York."

There are extensive Roman artefacts to see. Martin Lightfoot organised the visit and in the evening gave a presentation on 'The Vision of the Cross' so linking with

Constantine from a BI perspective.



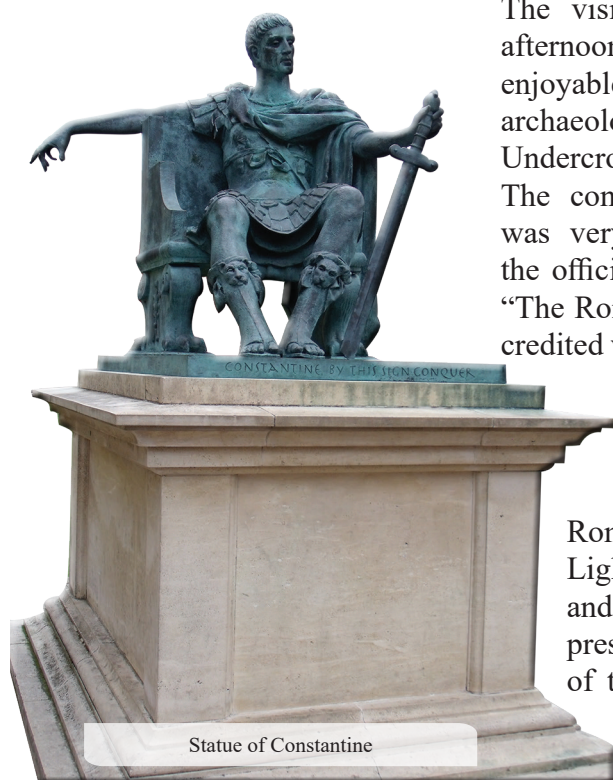
View from the hotel

Frank Tebbutt led the Sunday Morning Worship and gave a sermon on 'The Good Samaritan.' He strongly encouraged the reading of *Psalm* 91 regularly as it has always been a great source of strength to him and many other people.

The second visit was to the Yorkshire Museum which was another opportunity to look at the development and growth of this ancient city. There were many interesting objects and displays of life from Roman times. It is set in a beautiful little park and the mild autumn weather made it a very enjoyable excursion.

On return to the hotel, Margery Dowling gave her lecture on 'Past, Present and Perfection' which she was unable to do at the Summer Convention due to ill health. Beginning with *Genesis* 17:1-19 and the 'Father of many nations' and coming through to the present day she brought out the importance of seeing the Bible as the history book of our people.

In the evening David Aimer spoke



Statue of Constantine

CHANGE ON THE BOARD

It is said more often than one needs to be reminded that everything is age-related and that change is an inevitable feature of this fact. In respect of our Board of Management a rare moment to reflect on this aspect of life took place on 11 March which was the final Board Meeting for our long serving members and friends, Ernest and Kathleen Gage of Haxby, York, who were retiring from the Board.

Ernest Gage was retiring after 10 years of loyal and dedicated service

as Chairman of the Board as well as many years of service as Deputy President of the Federation. In tribute the President, Michael Clark, presented him with an engraved silver salver. The President also paid tribute to Kathleen Gage for her many years of service on the Board. Farewell gifts of a Buckingham Palace Coat of Arms Teacup and Saucer were presented to them both. The presentation of gifts included cards, flowers, chocolates and a book.

Ernest and Kathleen Gage were very active in the Leeds Area and they have also lectured extensively at Branch Meetings, Summer Conventions and Annual Congresses. Their articles have appeared in *The Covenant Nations* magazine where they have both been members of the Editorial Team from its inception ten years ago in 2007. We are delighted to say that they are continuing in this role and will be continuing to attend as many events as possible.



on 'The Vision of Britain being Israel and other Celto-Saxon nations is a revelation.' He took *Ephesians* 1 from verse 15 for his scripture and explained that many people do not want to know who Israel is because they only want to follow their pastor and nothing else. He pointed

out that Our Lord Himself showed in the parable of the Sower that the majority of people do not accept the Gospel so it is unsurprising that BI teaching is so difficult to spread. In *John* 16:13 we are told that "the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth" which is

very special. There is much to give support and encouragement in these difficult days.

Michael Clark gave thanks at the end to all who came and closed the Congress with the Israel Blessing from *Numbers* 6.

NATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE EVENTS

A guided tour which was well supported by 14 guests at The Museum of Methodism and Wesley's House and Chapel took place in London on Saturday 25 March. This visit featured the remarkable eighteenth century evangelical revival which sprang from the earlier Protestant Reformation and shaped Britain's political, spiritual and social history. The nation was therefore being divinely prepared for the nineteenth century expansion of the British Empire and subsequent huge missionary enterprise which took the blessing of the Christian Gospel to 'all the families of the Earth' as promised to the biblical patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob/Israel. John Wesley's life and ministry almost spanned the entire century which led up to what students of Bible prophecy have observed to be the end of the 2520-

year (7 times) 'punishment' period for the migrating tribes of Israelites which were taken captive by the Assyrians in the eighth century BC. It was further noted that Dinsdale Young, an ardent supporter of the British-Israel message, was the superintendent minister of Wesley's Chapel during the early part of the twentieth century.

Llandaff Cathedral on Saturday 2 September was supported by a small group who enjoyed a guided tour around this ancient centre of Christianity. The official information acknowledges that Dyfrig founded a community there a hundred years before Augustine arrived in England. It was very interesting to hear the guide repeat many of the details which our publications have stated for years. For example, the college which trained men for the ministry at Llantwit Major on the coast is well

known for its influence and status in the very early years of the first century. It is a beautiful small cathedral with much to look at. Amongst the works of art there is the figure 'Christ in Glory' by Jacob Epstein on the central arch which continues to generate controversy and divide opinion. The customary time of fellowship over tea in a nearby cafe was greatly enjoyed.

The British Museum unexpectedly provided a late addition to the planned

events of the year. The exhibition 'Scythians Warriors of Ancient Siberia' opened in September and was a 'must see' visit for those interested in the migrations of our ancestors. It was sponsored jointly by the State Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg, Russia and by BP. Many artefacts had been sent over from Russia and it was a wonderful opportunity to see these things. The displays were very well set out and there was plenty of time to look at the gold pieces and enjoy a close view of the intricate work which these nomadic people had produced. From the point of view of BI teaching there was very little to indicate that these tribes had moved steadily westwards but this omission itself spoke volumes. It was also an opportunity to meet some new friends who had travelled from Ulster to join the tour.



Llandaff Cathedral



'Christ in Glory' inside the cathedral

RALLIES

Northern Ireland Meetings

The venue in Northern Ireland at Chimney Corner Hotel has undergone major refurbishments which have really improved the whole atmosphere for the three Rallies held during 2017. Michael Clark spoke at the Rally on 6 May on the theme 'The Ring of Truth.' His opening scripture was *Jeremiah 16:16*. Dr Clifford Smyth gave the second lecture speaking on 'Blind Bartimaeus.' He emphasised the importance of opening our eyes and seeking to understand the Kingdom of God in its fullness. This rally was supported by a number of enthusiastic folk who

were in attendance for the first time at these events.

Two subsequent meetings were held on 16 September when Pastor David Purse, the new senior pastor at the large Metropolitan Tabernacle in Belfast, gave an inspiring address 'Don't tell me we are going back to Egypt' followed by Pastor Robert Phillips, president of the Covenant Peoples Fellowship who spoke on 'Great Britain & the United States – A Divine agenda.' There were 49 people in attendance.

Then on 18 November the speakers were Pastor David Aimer who gave

his presentation on the Deliverance of Jerusalem in 1917 by General Allenby and Dr Clifford Smyth who reported on the Victoria, Australia, Conference in September at which he lead the teaching sessions. There were 38 people in attendance. Book sales at all three meetings were brisk and well appreciated.

Wigan Rally

The friends in the North West Area have continued to meet for their Rally in Wigan on Good Friday for many years. This year the speakers were David Aimer and Alfred Brown who both gave excellent lectures. The fellowship over lunch was enjoyed by all.

THE CHRISTIAN PROPHETIC WITNESS COMPETITION 2018

The second Essay Competition was launched in September in Australia by Clifford Smyth during his visit to the conference in Mildura and at the 98th Annual Congress in York by David Aimer. The poster is reproduced here and is on the website of BIWF and the National Bible College. The competition has also been featured in *The Covenant Nations* and the details circulated to many other organizations in the British-Israel world.

This initiative was decided by the Board of Management as a way of using the Christian Prophetic Witness fund which came from the work of George Thompson who was a very enthusiastic believer and whose film of the Stone of Destiny has been of great interest to a wide audience.

The winning entries from the first competition were published as promised in *The Covenant Nations* magazine and on the website. It is

hoped that there will be a significant increase in the number of entries this time.

**THE CHRISTIAN PROPHETIC WITNESS
ESSAY COMPETITION 2018**

All interested young people are invited to submit an essay on the following questions set for their age group.

19-30 years old:
Write an essay of no more than 2,000 words on:
"Judah was given the scepter (*Genesis 49:10*) and Joseph was given the birthright (*1 Chronicles 5:2*). Where is the evidence in the world today that God has been faithful in his Promise?"

15-18 years old:
Write an essay of no more than 2,000 words on:
"The use of coats-of-arms, flags, seals and badges to identify different organisations, states and nations is common throughout the world. Colours, animals, trees, flowers, birds and so on are used in these emblems. Give five examples of biblical symbols associated with the tribes of Israel in current use."

Please submit your entry to: Philip Clark at: philip@christianbiblecollege.co.uk

Prizes:
19-30 years old
1st prize: £250.00 and Covenant Publishing books, value £100.00
Runner-up: £150.00 and Covenant Publishing books, value £100.00
15-18 years old
1st prize: £250.00 and Covenant Publishing books, value £50.00
Runner-up: £50.00 and Covenant Publishing books, value £50.00

The winning essays will be published on the BIWF website and in *The Covenant Nations* magazine.

Rules of the competition:
• Entries must be either 19-30 years old or 15-18 years old on 1 December 2017.
• Closing date for entries: 30 June 2018.
• Judges' decisions is final.
• Results to be published on the BIWF website and in *The Covenant Nations* magazine.

OBITUARY

**Margaret Isabel Cox,
6 January 1925 – 15 May 2017**

Her cousin, Mrs Brenda Hepworth, supplied these details about her early life and later travels:

Isabel Cox was born in Rochdale to Emma and William Glover and known to the family as Peggy though to BI friends she was known as Isabel. She went to the local primary school and then having passed her 11 plus exam she attended Rochdale Girls' High School. On leaving school she worked in the office of a local mill until she left to join the ATS in 1943.

After her spell in the forces she joined Leicester City Police rising to the rank of sergeant by the time she left in October 1958. By December of that year she was a member of the Northern Rhodesia Police with the rank of Senior Inspector. She

returned to the United Kingdom in 1978 where she remained for the rest of her life. It was in Rhodesia that she was introduced to British-Israel.

Isabel was a talented pianist and enjoyed walking, music, heraldry and archaeology. In her final days she suffered with her health and was in a nursing home when she passed away peacefully in May this year.

Her cousin, Mrs Hilda Mason, had these memories of her:

While on leave in the United Kingdom in the 1960s she sent the *Brith* magazine to Hilda and her husband Bob. In it there was an article about the blessings of the deep – not just fish – and this was just before the discovery of North Sea oil. Some months later they found they were 'hooked.' "It was

like a 'Damascus Road' experience – wonderful!" Isabel was very good at sowing seeds.

Then through a friend, Eileen Wilkes, they went to a BI meeting taken by Tony Martlew who spoke on the Abrahamic Covenant. It was 13 years before they saw him again. They used to go to the meetings of Rev McKelvey but later kept themselves independent of the various organizations.

After leaving the police service she ran a health food shop. The food laws were very important to her. She attended regularly at many Branch meetings, Summer Conventions and Annual Congresses.

It was thanks to Isabel that Hilda and Bob found many doors opening to them and met many wonderful people all over the world.



SCRAPBOOK



'Vera Lynn' and friend



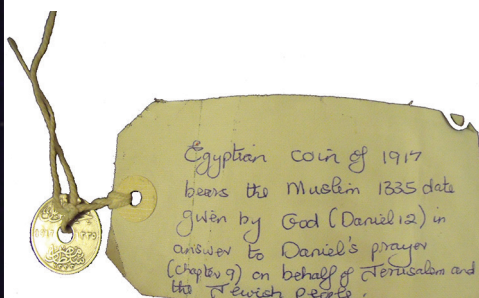
Why is one head uncrowned?



Keeping Britain tidy



Friendship greeting between
two covenant lands



Egyptian coin of 1917
bears the Muslim 1335 date
given by God (Daniel 12) in
answer to Daniel's prayer
(Chapter 9) on behalf of Jerusalem and
the Jewish people.

Two coins - the deliverance of Old and New Jerusalem

DID YOU KNOW?

The fundamental rule of science, whether in history or elsewhere, is not what has been believed, but what is true.

The biggest rope made on the River Humber at Hull in 1910-12 was 40 inches in diameter – used for pulling the Dreadnoughts.

At the time of the first World Missions Congress in Edinburgh, 1910, London was the only 'super city' in the world. Only 13% of the world's population lived in urban areas.

Thanks

We would like to thank everybody for his or her contributions this past year. All the organizing of meetings and conferences and all the kind donations, letters and prayers are truly appreciated.

A Form of Bequest to incorporate in Will

To those who may be desirous of assisting the Federation by way of legacies, the following Form of Bequest is recommended to be incorporated in your Will.

I give and bequeath to: **The British-Israel-World Federation**
Charity No: 208079

121 Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 0HA, the sum of £_____ sterling, free of Inheritance Tax, to be paid to the Financial Secretary, for the time being, of the Federation, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for such legacy.

N.B. A legacy need not necessarily be in money; any property may now be given by Will for Charitable purposes.

Donations

For all those who would like to give a portion of their tithe, big or small, as a donation to the Federation; all cheques, order or bank drafts (in sterling for overseas donations) can be made payable to BIWF, and sent to Headquarters at Low Etherley.

Please indicate if you are a UK tax payer so that we can claim the Gift Aid portion from the Inland Revenue.

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